

Main Street Area Survey
(Central Hotel)
15 North Main Street
Lexington (independent city)
Virginia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virginia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Lexington (independent city)
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Central Hotel (recorded as part of the Main Street Area Survey)		HABS NO. VA-897-A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 15 North Main Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Central section: 1809 Southern section: c. 1816 Northern section: c. 1857	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Integral part of Lexington's historic Main Street. During the 19th century was used as a residence, jewelry store, doctor's office, and telegraph and post office. Became the Central Hotel in 1907.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; 9-bay front; gable roof; 3½ stories (due to lowering of street level); southern 2 bays inset and covered by 3-story veranda; 3-story porch on north facade		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Original entrances on second story now have small balconies or are reached by stairs in the veranda or porch		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES c. 1907: Porches on side and rear and second story balconies added		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Purchased by the Historic Lexington Foundation in 1971 and rehabilitated		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) File, Royster, Jr. and Simpson, Pamela. <u>The Architecture of Historic Lexington</u> . 1977.		
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